Mission

The mission of the Citrus County School District is to educate all students through relevant curriculum and experiences for life in an ever-changing world.

We believe that:

- A safe and caring environment is essential for the learning and well being of all individuals.
- Individuals and organizations are accountable for their behaviors and actions.
- High expectations and challenging standards promote continuous improvement and high achievement.
- All individuals can learn at different times, in different ways, and at different rates.
- Mutual respect is a keystone of learning.
- Recognition promotes higher accomplishment and self-esteem.
- Community involvement and teamwork are critical to a high quality educational system.
- It is essential to embrace the diversity of individuals, ideas, talents, and learning styles.
- High quality education demands innovation and risk.
- The balance of academics and extracurricular activities is essential for a well-rounded education.
- Students require discipline and direction in order to be successful learners.
- Open and honest communication is essential to effective human interaction.
- Lifelong learning improves the quality of life.

Strategic Goals

1. All students will develop a foundation of knowledge and skills through a rigorous and relevant curriculum that exceeds local, state, and national expectations, closes all performance gaps, and helps all students realize their full potential.

2. Schools will be safe and secure for all individuals and will provide students the opportunity to participate in a school community that creates a caring environment committed to building positive relationships.
Strategies used to achieve the Strategic Goals will involve:

- Innovative and research-based curriculum and program delivery systems
- Emphasis on at-risk and special groups of learners (including gifted)
- Professional learning, recruitment, and retention of workforce
- Data systems (technology)
- Allocation of resources (human, physical, technological, financial)
- Career preparation
- Community connections

Strategic Delimiters
We will not initiate any new program or service unless:

- it is consistent with and contributes to our mission
- it is accompanied by the training and resources needed to assure its effectiveness
- it is fiscally responsible